

July 24, 1989

REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES, LEGISLATION,  
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS  
REQUEST FOR PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT

On June 7, 1989, the Rules Committee referred a proposal by Mr. Robert Trettin to the City Attorney and City Clerk for analysis. This is the City Attorney's response to that request. Mr. Trettin proposed amending campaign funding laws to require candidates to file pre-election campaign contribution reports with the City Clerk on the Friday before elections. Mr. Trettin's letters of May 2 and June 7, 1989 containing his proposal are attached for your reference.

Current San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) section 27.2931 requires each candidate and committee to file campaign statements in the time and manner required by the Political Reform Act (Government Code sections 84100 through 84303). The Government Code requires the last election campaign statement filing to be made twelve (12) days before an election (Government Code sections 84200.7, 84200.8, and 84202.5). That is, current law requires filing pre-election campaign statements approximately eight (8) calendar days prior to that which Mr. Trettin proposes.

There is nothing in the state law that would preclude the City from adopting a more stringent campaign contribution reporting requirement should the Council so desire.

Respectfully submitted,  
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